

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANING INDICATED.

(B) "LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY TO OPERATE MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

(C) "MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT" MEANS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT THAT IS USED TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FOR WHICH THE TOTAL COST OF THE EQUIPMENT EXCEEDS \$600,000 AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION AS PROVIDED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY.

(D) (1) "PROVISIONAL LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY TO OPERATE MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH LICENSING STANDARDS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED.

(2) A PROVISIONAL LICENSE SHALL ONLY BE VALID UNTIL REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING LICENSING STANDARDS ARE IN EFFECT.

19-1002.

(A) A PERSON, OTHER THAN A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 19-701 OF THIS ARTICLE, MAY NOT LEASE, OPERATE, ACQUIRE OR RECEIVE ANY MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT UNLESS THE EQUIPMENT IS LICENSED BY THE SECRETARY.

(B) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A LICENSE OR A PROVISIONAL LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE USE OF MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AS SPECIFIED IN THE LICENSE OR THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE.

(C) A LICENSE OR A PROVISIONAL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

(D) (1) A PROVISIONAL LICENSE EXPIRES AND IS NO LONGER VALID WHEN REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE EQUIPMENT PROVISIONALLY LICENSED BECOME EFFECTIVE.

(2) A HOLDER OF A PROVISIONAL LICENSE THAT EXPIRES MUST APPLY FOR A LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

19-1003.

(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT:

(1) PERTAIN TO THE LICENSING OF MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT;

(2) GOVERN THE REASONABLE USE OF MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT;

(3) PROVIDE ADEQUATE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR THE USE OF MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT; AND